



Department of Defense DIRECTIVE

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USD(P&R)

SUBJECT: Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)

- References: (a) DoD Directive 1341.1, "Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting (DEERS)," October 14, 1981 (hereby canceled)
- (b) [DoD Instruction 1000.13](#), "Identification Cards (ID) for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Dependents, and Other Eligible Individuals," December 5, 1997
 - (c) [DoD Directive 1322.16](#), "Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Program," May 11, 1994
 - (d) [DoD Instruction 1322.17](#), "Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) for the Selected Reserve," November 21, 1991
 - (e) through (i), see enclosure 1

1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive:

1.1. Reissues reference (a) to update DoD policy and responsibilities for the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

1.2. Establishes the DEERS Overarching Integrated Product Team (OIPT) to oversee the DEERS Program, and authorizes a Joint Uniformed Services Personnel Advisory Committee (JUSPAC), Joint Uniformed Services Medical Advisory Committee (JUSMAC), and Joint Uniformed Services Dental Advisory Committee (JUSDAC).

2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD); the Military

Departments (including the U.S. Coast Guard when operating as a Military Service under the Department of the Navy); the Defense Agencies (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD components"); the U.S. Coast Guard under agreement with the Department of Transportation (DoT), when not operating as a Military Service under the Department of the Navy; the Commissioned Officers Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) under agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and the Commissioned Officers Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) under agreement with the Department of Commerce (DoC). The term "Uniformed Services" refers to the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Air Force, the Coast Guard, their respective National Guard and Reserve Components, the Commissioned Corps of the USPHS, and the NOAA Corps.

3. POLICY

The DoD is responsible for the distribution of authorized benefits and entitlements as prescribed in DoD Instruction 1000.13, DoD Directive 1322.16, DoD Instruction 1322.17, Chapter 55 of 10 U.S.C., and DoD Directive 1341.3 (references (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f)). The DEERS is the designated automated information system designed to provide timely and accurate information on those eligible for these benefits and entitlements, and to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in the distribution of these benefits and entitlements. The DEERS serves as the centralized personnel data repository of enrollment and eligibility verification data on members of the DoD components, members of the Uniformed Services, and other personnel as designated by the DoD, and their eligible family members. The DEERS system collects and maintains other additional data on individuals, as needed, to ensure the efficient administration of DoD missions to include benefit and entitlement programs. The DEERS personnel data repository is maintained in accordance with Section 552a of 5 U.S.C. (reference (g)).

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)) shall:

4.1.1. Act as the Principal Staff Assistant (PSA) for DEERS in accordance with DoD Directive 5000.1 and DoD 5000.2-R (references (h) and (i)).

4.1.2. Coordinate with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command,

Control, Communications and Intelligence (ASD(C3I)) and the Under Secretary of Defense for Comptroller (USD(C)) for DEERS acquisition, communications, and funding.

4.1.3. Establish an OIPT that shall approve recommended changes impacting on the DEERS.

4.1.4. Appoint a Milestone Decision Authority (MDA) for DEERS in accordance with DoD Directive 5000.1 and DoD 5000.2-R (references (h) and (i)).

4.1.5. Establish a JUSPAC, JUSMAC, and a JUSDAC comprised of members of the Uniformed Services active, National Guard, and Reserve components to advise DoD on recommended changes to the DEERS and DEERS client applications.

4.2. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy (ASD(FMP)), under the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), shall:

4.2.1. Participate in and support the OIPT.

4.2.2. In coordination with the ASD(HA), ASD(RA), and DUSD(PI), establish guidance and procedures pertaining to personnel policies that impact on the DEERS.

4.3. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA)), under the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), shall:

4.3.1. Participate in and support the OIPT.

4.3.2. In coordination with the ASD(FMP), ASD(RA), and DUSD(PI) establish guidance and procedures pertaining to health care policies that impact on the DEERS.

4.4. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (ASD(RA)), under the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), shall:

4.4.1. Participate in and support the OIPT.

4.4.2. In coordination with the ASD(FMP), ASD(HA), and DUSD(PI) establish guidance and procedures pertaining to National Guard and Reserve policies that impact on the DEERS.

4.5. The Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Program Integration (DUSD(PI)), under the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), shall:

4.5.1. Serve as the Milestone Decision Authority (MDA) for DEERS in accordance with DoD Directive 5000.1 and DoD 5000.2-R (references (h) and (i)).

4.5.2. Chair the OIPT.

4.5.3. Establish overall functional policies and procedures for the oversight, funding, personnel staffing, direction, and functional management of the DEERS.

4.5.4. Oversee the Joint Uniformed Services Personnel Advisory Committee (JUSPAC), the Joint Uniformed Services Medical Advisory Committee (JUSMAC), and the Joint Uniformed Services Dental Advisory Committee (JUSDAC) to advise DoD staff on recommended changes to the DEERS and its interfaces supporting client systems.

4.5.5. Coordinate with the ASD(FMP), the ASD(HA), and the ASD(RA) to:

4.5.5.1. Establish DEERS enrollment and eligibility policy guidance and procedures pertaining to personnel, medical, and dental issues that impact on the DEERS.

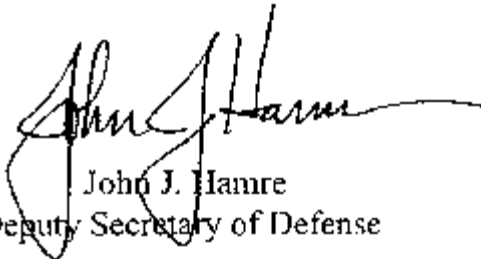
4.5.5.2. Establish policies and procedures to support the functional requirements of DEERS and the DEERS client applications and interfacing client systems.

4.6. The Director, Defense Human Resources Activity (DHRA) shall provide the technical, acquisition, and functional management of the DEERS program.

4.7. The Heads of the DoD Components and Uniformed Services shall comply with the provisions of this Directive and support the committees established herein.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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Enclosures - 1

E1. References, continued

E1. ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES, continued

- (e) Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code
- (f) [DoD Directive 1341.3](#), "Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI)," August 16, 1984
- (g) Section 552a of title 5, United States Code
- (h) [DoD Directive 5000.1](#), "Defense Acquisition," March 15, 1996
- (i) DoD 5000.2-R, "Mandatory Procedures for Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs) and Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Acquisition Programs," March 15, 1996